

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
May 15, 2014

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Catherine Garnett, Charles Tirone, Michelle Durocher, Janine White, Mike Nonni, and Susan Chapnick of the Commission. Eileen Coleman and Curt Connors, of the Commission, were not present.

7:45pm – Commission Business:

DWhite/Chapnick motioned to approve the **5/1 minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

The **Community Preservation Act** warrant article was approved at Town Meeting. There may be opposition in other town boards. The Act must now go to a vote of the citizens. Mr. Tirone will get in touch with Susan Stamps to coordinate support efforts.

The **Waterbodies** warrant article also passed Town Meeting for \$40K.

The Commission asked that Mr. Rademacher be invited back to discuss the **snow storage** program at the parking lot at the Arlington Reservoir.

Ms. Garnett reported on the progress to remedy the erosion problem at **Symmes Woods**, where 18 trees were planted, erosion controls were installed and the area will be hydroseeded with a meadow seed mix. Ms. Garnett asked that a letter be drafted from the Commission to the Arlington Redevelopment Board for its Monday evening meeting, in support of the efforts to conclude all of this work and to thank Christine Scypinski for her coordination work. Mr. Stevens recused himself from the Symmes discussion.

Ms. Garnett reported on the 9/9 site walk to **Spy Pond Park** with the Park Commission and DPW. It may be helpful to conduct a survey of the use of the shoreline area below the black fence to see how much the area is used by fishers, kids or dogs. One section may be replanted as a test area. The Linwood Circle area needs the eroded path fixed. Ms. Garnett also met with Duke Bitsko of Bioengineering Group to discuss the installation of additional coir logs in the area of steeply eroding shoreline. Live stake plants may also help this problem. John Connolly, Parks and Recreation Commission, suggested that the project be one large capital project of 50-60K, probably done in about 3-4 years. The beach at Linwood is also eroding. There may still be smaller educational and volunteer projects within this work.

8pm **Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Determination** – Lot E Dothan St

DWhite/JWhite motioned to continued the hearing to 6/5 at 8pm to allow for review and written comment by the applicant of the peer-review consultant's site inspection report;

motion passed unanimously.

8:15pm **Notice of Intent** – Mystic River Oil spill and cleanup

The Commission mailed questions to Clean Harbors on May 7, but have not yet received a response.

Chapnick/DWhite motioned to continue the hearing to 6/5 at 8:15pm; motion passed unanimously.

Commission Business (cont.):

Town Day will be on September 13, 2014. The new board members should consider participating at the booth of the Conservation Commission, and suggest new items or activities to promote.

Ms. Beckwith updated the Commission on a proposal to pave **Wright St.** She showed the current plan to the Commissioners and noted any feedback. The project, as proposed, will need to have a Notice of Intent filed for it.

Mr. Tirone reported on two activities potentially within the jurisdiction of the Commission for **enforcement**:

- 1) 15 Thesda St, construction work in the rear of the lot near to Reeds Brook
- 2) Corner of Alfred and Princeton, a tree cut on the shore of Spy Pond

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator